

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An image compensation apparatus for controlling an attitude of image pickup section which is mounted in an aircraft and is rotatable around a roll axis, a pitch axis and a yaw
5 axis; comprising:
 - sight line direction information detection section for
detecting information about a sight line direction of a pilot,
driving section which outputs a driving signal for
rotating and driving the image pickup section with reference
10 to the information about the sight line direction and rotates
and drives the image pickup section based on the driving signal,
image pickup attitude information detection section for
detecting information about an attitude of the image pickup
section,
15 aircraft attitude information detection section for
detecting information about an attitude of the aircraft, and
correction section for correcting the driving signal with
reference to the information about the attitude of the image
pickup section and the information about the attitude of the
20 aircraft.

2. The image compensation apparatus as claimed in claim 1,
wherein

the image pickup section is a stereo camera constructed
of two cameras placed at a predetermined spacing.

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3. The image compensation apparatus as claimed in claim 1,
wherein

the information about the attitude of the image pickup
section is yaw angle information about the image pickup section;

10 the information about the attitude of the aircraft is
pitch angle information about a fuselage; and
the correction section corrects a driving signal for
rotating and driving the image pickup section around a roll
axis.

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4. The image compensation apparatus as in claim 1, further
comprising:

driving prevention section for preventing rotation and
driving of the image pickup section when the information about

20 the sight line direction does not reach a predetermined level.